

**REGULAR MEETING  
MINOCQUA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006**

A regular meeting of the Minocqua Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Handrick at 7:00 p.m. on August 1st, 2006 in the Board Room of the Minocqua Center.

Present were Chairman Joe Handrick, Supervisors, Bryan Jennings, John Thompson, David Huber and Mark Hartzheim, Clerk Roben Haggart, PW Superintendent Robert “Butch” Welch and Police Chief Norbert “Mac” McMahon.

**Motion by Hartzheim, seconded by Thompson to approve the amended agenda as presented.** Voice Vote: Motion Carried.

**Motion by Jennings, seconded by Thompson to approve the minutes from the Regular Town Board Meeting held on July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006.** Voice Vote: Motion Carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**BOAT LAUNCH FEES**

Chairman Handrick presented a summary of the board’s views on how the boat launch fees should be handled. With the results of the summary, he created a “draft” ordinance establishing a boat launch fee on Town owned boat launches in the Town of Minocqua. Supervisor Huber wished to debate the ordinance publicly since the responses from the supervisors were given directly to Chairman Handrick. He would like to see a user fee implemented with all users paying to use the landing. The board discussed exempting property owners and providing some sort of a permit for use in their tax bills. They also debated the timeframe for enforcement of the ordinance and the cost for implementing the ordinance (ie: permit costs, drop boxes at landings etc.). Supervisor Jennings stated that the implementation of this ordinance does pose some budget ramifications and proposed that it be table and examined at budget time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPERATION OF A GOLF CART TO AND FROM A GOLF COURSE**

Chairman Handrick presented the Ordinance Regulating the Operation of a Golf Cart to and From a Golf Course for a first reading. Supervisor Hartzheim pointed out a typo for clarification. It was also decided to add under #6- Operate a golf cart that is equipped with and *displaying* functioning headlights and taillights.

**Motion by Jennings, seconded by Thompson to dispense with the first reading of the ordinance and proceed with a second reading with the addition of functioning lights needing to be displayed.** Voice Vote: Motion Carried.

**AMENDED ORDINANCE 1.02(3)(2) ELECTION & TERM**

Clerk Roben Haggart presented the amended Ordinance 1.02(3)(2)- ELECTION & TERM for a first reading. The amendment to the current ordinance is to provide for numbered seats as previously approved by the electorate. The change was read.

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT - WINGER**

Conditional Use Permit # 41-06- Theresa Winger, (Hwy 51 mobile station) for a U-Haul Rental Center and a realty office on property described as part of the SE NE, Section 34, T39N, R6E, Town of Minocqua (MI 2493-5).

**TABLED AS NO ONE WAS PRESENT.**

**PRELIMINARY 3 LOT CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP – VOGEL**

Preliminary 3 Lot Certified Survey Map (re-division), Thomas & Karen Vogel, owners, on property described as Lots 1 & 2, Plat of Hemlock Woods, being part of GL 7, Section 3, T39N, R4E (off of W. Clear Lake Road).

**Motion by Hartzheim, seconded by Thompson to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the Preliminary 3 Lot Certified Survey Map for Thomas & Karen Vogel.** Voice Vote: Motion Carried.

**DISPATCH CENTER REPORT**

David Imlah, representing the Minocqua Police Committee presented the board with a summary of their findings after doing a study of the Minocqua Dispatch Center. The Committee was directed to seek options ranging from “no changes” to “completely eliminating the town dispatch center.” He outlined different individuals/agencies they obtained their information from including; Minocqua Police Chief McMahon; Woodruff Police Chief Len Drewsen; Andy Petrowski and Mike Timmons, Fire Chiefs for Minocqua and Woodruff; Woodruff Town Chair Larry Greschner; EMS Manager of the HYMC Center, Michael Fraley; and Northwoods Law Enforcement Assoc. Chaplain, Pastor George C. Krebs. All of which were not in favor of eliminating or reducing shifts at the Minocqua Dispatch Center.

Chairman Handrick thanked the committee for their hard work and thoroughness.

Mr. Imlah spent a great deal of time reviewing the actual figures and cost savings resulting from their study. The figures reflected a cost savings to taxpayers of \$172,186.28 annually if the dispatch center was totally eliminated. They estimated that the elimination of the third shift would be approximately one-third of the total dispatch center budget. He also reviewed Minocqua taxpayer's portion of the Oneida County tax level to be at 24.198% of their total budget. Basically they concluded that the Minocqua taxpayers are paying for two dispatch centers, which is a duplication of services. They are recommending a one year period of the Oneida County Sheriff's Department handling of third shift dispatching starting January 1<sup>st</sup> with quarterly reviews of the progress. If the transition is smooth and a comfort level is obtained, then the next step would be for Oneida County to completely assume all dispatching services for the town of Minocqua. The study also addressed office staffing for walk-up service at the Minocqua Police Department and the installation of a phone in the foyer of the police building directly connected to the Oneida County Sheriff's Department. This expense, as well as mobile computers/data terminals in the squad cars would also need to be calculated when figuring overall cost savings.

Fire Chief, Andy Petrowski questioned whether the elimination of dispatch services was strictly a fiscal decision. He feels that the elimination of the Minocqua Dispatch Center would compromise safety and would not be a significant cost savings to the taxpayers when all items are factored in. He would like to see a vote from the people as to what they are willing to pay for "peace of mind."

Chairman Handrick suggested that other entities using the Minocqua Dispatch Center pay more for this service. For example, if the Town of Woodruff paid their portion of use (22.4%), their annually payment would be approximately \$47,601.56 instead of the \$36,000 they are currently paying; Oneida County increased their annual payment of \$5,700; and perhaps getting some payment from Howard Young Medical Center for the dispatching of their ambulances. If the agencies using the service find it valuable and do not want to see services decreased or eliminated maybe they would be willing to "pony up." Then perhaps there would be no need to change or eliminate any shifts at the Minocqua Dispatch Center.

Dean Crist suggested that the County pay for all of the dispatch costs and make the Minocqua Dispatch Center a satellite office, similar to the zoning department.

Pete Wolk, Oneida County Supervisor & Police Committee member suggested that the Town be willing to "try something" and see if it works.

Several others, including Randy Landis & Matt Szczupaj, Minocqua First Responders were opposed to changes with the current dispatch system. They questioned actual cost savings and allowing the taxpayers to vote on it.

**Motion by Huber, seconded by Handrick to accept the recommendation of the Police Committee and pursue discussions with the Oneida County Law Enforcement Committee and the Oneida County Sheriff's Department as to what it's going to take to move forward with consolidating of dispatching services.** Roll Call Vote: Thompson, aye; Jennings, aye; Huber, aye; Hartzheim, aye; Handrick, aye. Motion Carried.

After the motion was made, Supervisor Jennings stated that he would like to obtain more information from all entities involved. It was suggested in the report that an advisory board be formed. Chairman Handrick suggested that we obtain more information, seek more money from the users and review again in October. He stated that the board could always reconsider their decision.

#### TRAFFIC CONTROL – BLUMENSTEIN ROAD

Chairman Handrick introduced Russ Habick, DOT Traffic Specialist who explained that the proposed four – way stop at the intersection of Blumenstein Road and the western entrance to Trig's was their recommendation based on projected volume of vehicular traffic and concerns with left traffic movement. This is a result of the proposed Wal-Mart development, therefore the County is requesting the Town's input at this time concerning the intersection. Chairman Handrick stated that this is a win-win situation greatly benefiting Trig's customers and cannot understand why Trig's would be in opposition other than to delay the Wal-Mart development. John Houlihan, representing Trig Solberg, stated that they do not agree with Chairman Handrick and proposed a delay in the decision to implement the four – way stop until the Wal-Mart is developed and the new road is built so a study could be done on the actual amount of traffic. They feel that a two- way stop is sufficient and are not in favor of a four – way stop. Supervisor Jennings would like the DOT to also consider access to Stengl's property as well, as this has been an ongoing concern of the board. Chairman Handrick read the portion of the proposed Resolution that the *Minocqua Town Board of Supervisors will, upon completion of this intersection, designate this intersection as a four-way stop and is directing the Town Chairman to draft an ordinance to that affect to become effective upon adoption by this board with an effective date to be set by the ordinance.* They felt that this would allow the board to study the actual traffic flow at the time of construction if they so choose.

**Motion by Jennings, seconded by Huber to adopt the Resolution and pass along to Oneida County.** Voice Vote: Motion Carried. Supervisor Hartzheim abstained.

#### SWAMSAUGER LANDING ROAD

Oneida County Land Information requested clarification for the town road currently numbered N00212. Swamsauger Landing Road makes sense and Butch Welch suggested that the board go with that name.

**Motion by Huber, seconded by Handrick to name Minocqua town road number N00212 to Swamsauger Landing Road.** Voice Vote: Motion Carried.

## DIRECT DEPOSIT POLICY

Clerk Roben Haggart presented the Town of Minocqua Direct Deposit Policy for approval and signature. This is just a formality, putting to writing the policy the board had previously approved.

**Motion by Hartzheim, seconded by Huber to approve of this policy as presented.** Voice Vote: Motion Carried.

## LINE ITEM TRANSFERS - **TABLED**

## THE MINOCQUA POLICE DEPARTMENTS USE OF TASERS

Chairman Handrick advised that Supervisor Thompson requested that this item be placed on the agenda for discussion purposes. He is concerned about the recent publicity that Tasers have been getting relating to deaths as a result of use. He is concerned about the liability of the Town should our department continue their use of Tasers. The board discussed the option of having the Police Committee review the department's use of Tasers. Supervisor Jennings suggested that the board members get more educated with Tasers before handing it over to the committee. Chairman Handrick stated that a positive report on the use of Tasers and make our department look good. The board directed the clerk to set up a meeting for training & education on the use of Tasers.

## BUDGET SUMMARY

Chairman Handrick asked if there were any questions on the 2006 Budget Summary he presented. The board was overall pleased with the report.

## OPERATOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Clerk Roben Haggart presented the following Operator License Applications for approval: Patricia Linsmeyer 2 (yr); William Bierman (2 yr); Russell Sawallish (2 yr); Grayson Albers (2 yr).

**Motion by Jennings, seconded by Thompson to approve the Operator License Applications as presented.** Voice Vote: Motion Carried.

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

PW Superintendent Butch Welch updated the board on the 2006 road project and the Thoroughfare Bridge Project. He also stated that the road crew has been busy patching, applying dust control and doing some minor storm clean-up. The new mower operator is working out real well although the mower has been down for some repairs.

Under public appearances, Tom Handrick suggested that if someone is on the agenda they be present at the meeting in the event the board has questions. He thought that this had been past practice.

**Motion by Thompson, seconded by Hartzheim to adjourn meeting.** Voice Vote: Motion Carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Roben Haggart, CMC  
Town Clerk